

LAWRENCE J. COPLEY Biography

Lawrence "Larry" J. Copley serves as the Rotary Wing Supervisor for the State of West Virginia Aviation Division.

Larry was born in Clarksburg, WV and grew up in Bridgeport, WV. He graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1980. He enlisted with the West Virginia Army National Guard and attended Heavy Equipment Combat Engineers training at Fort Leonardwood, MO. After a short tour with the 119th Combat Engineers, in Clarksburg, WV, Larry applied for and was accepted into the US Army Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course (IERWC) at Fort Rucker, AL. On August 24, 1984 Larry graduated Honor Graduate of the US Army IERWC Class 84-07. He returned to serve with various aviation units within the WV Army National Guard and currently serves as Aviation Safety Officer for Detachment B-1, 1/376th Aviation in Parkersburg, WV.

In 1987, Larry continued his aviation career as a commercial helicopter pilot with Helicopter Flite Services located in Charleston, WV. During his employment at Helicopter Flite Services he earned his Commercial Airplane Single Engine Land, Multiengine Land and Mechanics Certificates.

In July 1996 Larry was hired as Aviation Supervisor for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. In January 2005 He was assigned to the Department of Administration Aviation Division as Rotary Wing Supervisor.

Larry and his wife Jackie currently reside in Elkview, WV. They have two children.

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